Impact of various RD schemes

1482. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of various schemes and plan introduced for rural development;

(b) whether any visible improvement in rural life style has been achieved; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) to (c) The Impact Assessment Studies conducted by the Ministry indicate that the rural development programmes have had favourable impact in raising the standard of living of the rural poor. There has been an improvement in the quality of life in the Villages due to the creation of community assets like roads, drinking water facilities, paved street, sanitation, buildings like community halls, school, panchayat buildings etc.

Shortage of Potable Water

†1483. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even now no proper arrangement for drinking water has been made for ten crore people in the country;

(b) if so, the States where this problem has taken the most formidable shape;

(c) what steps are being taken by Government for the people deprived of the facility of potable water; and

(d) what has been the percentage of success rate so far in the National Potable Water Mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Water supply is a State subject and drinking water facilities are provided under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). The Central Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing assistance under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.